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SPAWAR Systems Center San Diego Holds Change of Command Ceremony

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Captain Tim Flynn exits through the sideboys at the Aug. 18 ceremony. Flynn has been nominated for promotion to the rank of rear admiral (lower half) and is awaiting congressional confirmation hearings.

SAN DIEGO – During a Change of Command Ceremony, held Aug. 18, at SPAWAR Systems Center San Diego (SSC SD), Captain Timothy V. Flynn was recognized for his dedication to finding ways of improving the warfighter's abilities to make quick decisions and succeed at their missions.

Captain Frank Unetic, former executive assistant to the SPAWAR Commander, Rear Adm. Ken Slaght, assumed command of SSC SD from Flynn. Guest speakers included Slaght, California Congresswoman Susan Davis and SPAWAR Deputy Commander Rod Smith.

Slaght said he was particularly proud to be present as these two naval officers continue their careers.

"They are professionals, experienced at sea and well educated. They have the most valuable quality in a leader, the willingness and ability to watch out for the people with whom they work," he said.

Highlighting that real and capable threats could soon challenge America's dominance in the ocean, Congresswoman Davis, representative from California's 53rd District, said the center's mission was "developing and delivering the technology that is needed for America's naval warfare in the information age."

Through initiatives like FORCEnet, SSC SD's work is putting ideas into motion to create a networked, distributed combat force for the future that is versatile in its scale and scope.

"This is how America's military will succeed in addressing future threats to our national security. The important work performed by the SPAWAR Enterprise is a valued component," said Davis.



Capt. Flynn listens to his change of command rights as Rear Adm. Slaght stands by his side with Congresswoman Davis looking onward.

Smith expressed his admiration for Flynn becoming personally involved with assisting project teams that accelerate innovative efforts like FORCEnet. Smith said that Flynn worked side-by-side with each department head to champion leading edge efforts that he called “wow” projects.



During his address, Flynn thanked SSC SD personnel for their hard work and dedication while he served as commanding officer. He said they must never waiver in the commitment to rapidly provide for the joint warfighter’s immediate needs in the Global War on Terrorism.

“The priorities of our fleet -- the joint warfighter, the intelligence community and other customers -- must continue to be our own priorities,” he said.

Flynn is currently awaiting congressional confirmation hearings on the nomination of rear admiral (lower half), and his new assignment and location is yet to be determined.

In his closing remarks, Unetic said he was looking forward to achieving his goal of success. “I can certainly see why the systems center is a world class organization,” he said.

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